

Pittsburg Columbia Steel Credit Union Pays Big Dividend

Members of the Employees' Credit Union at the Pittsburg plant of Columbia Steel will receive dividends totaling \$6961.65 as their share of the earnings of the organization during 1940.

Total net earnings for the year amounted to \$9,845.25 of which 20 percent, or \$1,969.05, was transferred to the guaranty fund in accordance with the state law governing credit unions.

Since the beginning of operations in April, 1936, this organization has paid back to its members earnings totaling \$15,311.41. This figure includes dividends for 1940.

Total assets as of December 31, 1940, amounted to \$169,831.96 for an increase of 47.63 percent over the corresponding figure of \$115,038.75 at the end of December, 1939.

CONVEY COLLEGE

A proposal to convert Santa Barbara state college into a branch of the University of California has been filed with the legislature.

The United States army is to be increased to 1,400,000 in 1942.

Western Link To Be Paved

Shortly after Feb. 1 county crews will begin paving Western avenue between Anaheim street and 261st street, according to information received from Los Angeles Councilman Wilder W. Hartley this week.

The Los Angeles council has approved expenditure of \$102 to complete acquisition of right-of-way and has granted permission to the county to put its paving crew to work on the city property, insuring within the next weeks opening of Western as a paved highway from Anaheim street to San Pedro.

Paving the Harbor City strip will enable motorists to connect with Western avenue either from Vermont avenue or from Figueroa street.

"The improvement made possible by this council action has been needed for a long time and is a step nearer the final goal—to make Western avenue a main artery from Los Angeles to the harbor," Hartley said.

The United States Marine corps, set up by the Continental congress in 1775, is the oldest branch of America's armed forces.

County Okays Improvement of 262nd St.

Petitions for circulation of petitions asking for construction of cement concrete curbs and walks in 262nd street, Lomita, were approved this week by the board of supervisors.

County Engineer Alfred Jones recommended that at least 70 per cent of the property owners affected would sign the petitions, and that May 1 be set as the final date to obtain signatures.

The walks are to be four feet wide, and the limits are between Cayuga avenue and Eschman avenue.

Assemblyman Thomas Home From Capital; Plans Conferences

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas has returned to his home in San Pedro from Sacramento. The state legislature will reconvene March 3. Prior to adjournment, the San Pedro legislator added two more bills to those he already had introduced.

One would prohibit sport fishermen from selling their catch, and the other would regulate meat cutters, establishing hours, wages, yearly licensing and inspection.

A health insurance amendment to the unemployment insurance act was provided in another bill submitted by Assemblyman Thomas. The bill would change the title of the act to the Social Insurance Act. Disability unemployment benefits would be payable in the same amounts as unemployment compensation, with benefits payable after July 1, 1943.

Employers would pay 1 per cent of wages paid, effective Jan. 1, 1942; employees pay the same, and the state would pay 1 per cent of the total wages paid by employers, the state's portion to be reduced by any grants from the federal government. Claimants may choose any doctor registered with the state.

The bill would become effective only if there is federal legislation setting up a health insurance system against which the employers in California can get a credit against the federal tax for the taxes they have paid under this act.

Thomas has asked for conferences on proposed legislation with a chamber of commerce committee, with business groups and with the committees on labor and fishing he appointed before he went to Sacramento for the opening session.

MASSIVE FILE OF BILLS UNDER STUDY

California's legislators began their 30-day constitutional recess this week faced with a massive file of bills for study before returning to their desks in the capitol March 3. Before adjourning Sunday afternoon, 21 hours after the time set in the formal resolution, 3,989 measures were introduced in both houses, 166 short of the 1939 all-time record of 4,155.

Of the total, 2,662 were introduced in the assembly compared with 2,851 before the 1939 recess. A total of 1,837 measures were introduced in the upper chamber, or 63 more than in 1939. The measures covered every subject from the state budget to licensing of persons employed in mending women's hose.

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Here's a predicament for you: F. S. Nagaoka, publisher of weekly Japanese Times at Fresno, Cal., straightens out the mess made when a discharged employe tipped over and piled eight cases of type. Nagaoka had to unscramble thousands of Japanese ideographs and characters, forcing him to miss several editions of his paper.

Huge Shipbuilding Program at Harbor Is Great Boon to Labor

A shipbuilding program of \$231,678,000 is now under way at the Los Angeles harbor area, William A. Simpson told the Los Angeles Advertising Club this week. Of this money, 40 per cent or approximately \$90,000,000 will be paid out in yard payrolls, he said.

"The end is not yet," said the veteran engineer and contractor "I believe that we can look for more particularly merchant vessels. Although much of this is a mushroom development because of emergency conditions, out of it will come one or more substantial shipbuilding plants permanently established here, and not a complete letdown as happened after the first World War."

Simpson, a director of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., one of the four private corporations building ships at this harbor, went on to say that 10 to 15 years of shipbuilding throughout the country is accepted as a certainty, assuring "a big upsurge of activity" overflowing throughout California.

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L. A. Gives County Right to Improve Western in Lomita

Jurisdiction over Western avenue for three blocks between 260th street and 500 feet southerly of Hillcrest avenue, in the Lomita district, was granted to the county this week by action of the Los Angeles city council.

The county will grade and surface the right of way with 1 1/2 inch of premix.

Business Booms In State, Bank Report Notes

Wide advances in general business activity are recorded in the Bank of America business review just completed, according to officials of the bank here.

California has received 70 per cent of national defense contracts awarded in the far west and now ranks second among all states of the country in this activity. Up to mid-January, defense contracts in California totaled \$850,000,000 for aircraft, \$557,000,000 for shipbuilding, \$188,000,000 for construction and \$22,000,000 for a wide variety of other products.

These figures, the review states, include only the American defense contracts. Large British orders also have been placed. The net effect of these expenditures, the bank officials say, is to create the greatest backlog of business in western history.

New automobile sales in California during the final quarter of 1940 averaged over 28,000 per month, the best final period of record. Throughout the west the dollar volume of retail sales during December was the best since 1929, and the index of employment stood at 135, a new all-time high.

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The exhibit is of especial interest at this time and is expected to attract thousands of visitors during the next few weeks.

Motion pictures of the air route of the China Clipper via the Philippines have been lent by Pan-American Airways. Colored motion pictures of Hawaii also are to be shown, in addition to a fine collection of photographs of modern Hawaii.

Lomitan Wins His Gold Stripes In Eight Years

A "goldstriper" in eight years is the enviable record of Ernest Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Erickson, according to word received the past week that he had passed his examinations for warrant officer, U. S. Navy.

To be eligible for the examinations one must have served at least seven years in the navy so the only time Ernest wasd was a long stay down in South America, taking the examinations upon his return recently.

Erickson graduated from Narbonne in 1931, entering the navy the following year and since then has been nearly all over the world, continually going up in grade. He was recently married to Barbara McMinn, formerly of Lomita.

Harbor Citizens Seek Junior College

A committee to work for a junior college in the Harbor City area was appointed at the meeting of the Harbor City Citizens' Committee Jan. 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Huppke. Members are Huppke, chairman, E. E. Clark, W. Dana, T. O. M. Jones, M. Sprouse and W. K. Bowman. The college would serve San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, Waverly, Harbor City and Torrance.

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